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(e) whether articles manufactured with prison labour are sold at a cost less than the market price and if not, why not; and

(f) the aggregate cost or turnover of jail-made goods of all jails in the State during the year 1953–54?

A.—(a) to (f) A statement[a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

## II.—POINT OF INFORMATION *RE.* PRESS STATEMENTS ON THE UTILIZATON OF THE PALAR RIVER WATERS.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Yesterday the Hon. Minister for Public Works while replying to a number of supplementary questions regarding the dispute between the Mysore and Madras States over the sharing of Palar waters was reported to have said :

' The Madras Government are considering a proposal to request the Government of India to constitute a Council under Article 263 of the Constitution of India to make enquiries into the matter and suggest suitable remedies '.

It is also reported in the Press that enquiries at the Secretariat show that the Madras Government have sent a communication to the Government of India suggesting the constitution of such a Council under Article 263 of the Constitution. The Hon. Mr. Manickavelu is also reported to have told newspaper reporters that a reply from the Government of India was being awaited which implies that the communication has already been sent from here. Sir, two contradictory statements of Hon. Ministers appearing in the Press on the same day will not give good impression as far as the Government are concerned. I want a clarification in respect of this matter."

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" At that time I was not aware that a communication had been sent. Afterwards I learnt that a note to that effect has been circulated amongst us. That is why I said that it was proposed to send a communication to the Government of India. In fact my Colleague was telling me that it had been sent but I told him that I would verify it. So, there is no contradiction in the matter."

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" In that case an explanation is due from the Hon. Minister for Revenue because he did not correct the Hon. Minister for Public Works when he said that a communication was proposed to be sent. At that time he ought to have corrected him by saying that a communication had already been sent."

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" In fact he was telling me that a communication had been sent but I wanted to verify it."

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a **Printed as Appendix IV on pages 897–899 infra.**